

## STATE DEMOCRATS CONFER WITH MACK

Murphy Absent, but Tammany Men Talk Over Presidency With National Leader.

### BRYAN'S PLANS IN DOUBT

Buffalo Editor Wants to See Treaty Disposed Of in Interest of Nation.

Norman E. Mack, member of the Democratic National Committee from New York State, held an important conference with State leaders in the city yesterday. They talked over the stand that New York should take in the various situations that will arise at the meeting of the committee in Washington on Thursday.

Charles F. Murphy was not present, but there were Tammany men present to represent him. It is understood that Mr. Murphy will not attend the Jackson Day dinner in Washington on the night of the committee meeting. The excuse given is that the Anawanda Club, his district organization, has an affair scheduled for that evening.

Mr. Mack believes that the peace treaty will be ratified with reservations on the League of Nations covenant and that it will not be an issue in the campaign. He acknowledges that the Democratic Administration probably will be put on the defensive on charges of extravagance made by the Republicans. He is looking forward to an exceedingly interesting gathering of Democrats in Washington when the various candidates for the Presidential nomination will meet.

"I don't think," he said, "that any man living can forecast with any degree of accuracy at this minute who the candidate of either party will be." When his attention was called to the fact that several months ago he was quoted as saying that he believed President Wilson would be renominated Mr. Mack replied:

"Yes, at that time it looked as though the League of Nations would be the big issue in the Presidential campaign, and I thought he would be the best man to meet such an issue. And also that was before the President was taken sick."

"I am assuming now that the President will not be a candidate, although I do not believe he will make any announcement of that fact at the Jackson Day dinner."

Mr. Mack, who for many years was one of the most influential friends of William Jennings Bryan in the Democratic organization, was asked what he knew about the plans of the former "Peerless Leader" to return to power and possibly be a candidate for the nomination.

"I do not know a single thing except what I have read in the newspapers," said Mr. Mack. He split with Bryan in 1912 on the latter's attack made on Alton B. Parker. The friendship never has been renewed.

Asked who he thought might be the candidate next year Mr. Mack replied: "Well, Palmer, McAdoo, Cox, Pomeroy and Clark seem to be attracting the most attention at the present moment."

Speaking of the treaty Mr. Mack said: "Naturally I am disappointed not to have it ratified as the President wanted."

It, but rather than not have it ratified at all I would like to have it passed with some reservations. I think the people would draw a sigh of relief then, as they would know that the war is over. Now they do not know what situation we are in. I think most of the people do not thoroughly understand the reservations.

"It looks to me now as though they would come together in Washington and put the treaty through with reservations."

As for the issue, with the treaty out of the way, Mr. Mack thought for a moment and then replied:

"It is pretty hard to tell now. The Republicans will naturally attack the Administration. That is always an easy thing to do against those who are in power. The very men who for two years were crying out to end the war no matter at what cost will be the first ones to criticize the Administration for extravagance."

## DEMOCRATS FRAME ALDERMANIC SLATE

Kennelly, Cunningham and Collins Are Chosen.

The Democratic majority in the Board of Aldermen will organize that body as follows at the first meeting of the new board to-morrow: Vice-chairman, William P. Kennelly, from Charles F. Murphy's district; chairman of the finance committee, Frank A. Cunningham of Brooklyn; majority floor leader, William P. Collins of Manhattan; sergeant-at-arms, Martin J. McGowan.

The slate was selected at a caucus of Democratic members yesterday. August Ferrand of Brooklyn will be the Republican or minority leader, succeeding John Gaynor.

Alderman Kennelly was elected as vice-chairman after the elevation of Robert L. Moran to the Presidency of the board. Alderman Collins formerly was an Assistant Corporation Counsel and is chairman of the welfare committee. Alderman Cunningham will succeed Francis P. Kenney, who was not a candidate for reelection to the board.

Four instead of seven Socialists are in the new board. To-morrow they will select their leader in place of Algonquin P. Lee, defeated. E. C. Viadeck will probably be chosen.

Miss Anna C. Donner, formerly confidential stenographer to the President, will become clerk to committees at \$1,500 a year.

## WOOD SPEAKS HERE JAN. 13.

To Attend Anniversary of Mayflower Descendants.

Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, as governor-general of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, will be a speaker at a dinner celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the society at the Waldorf-Astoria on January 13. William Howard Taft has also been invited. Other speakers will be Arthur Lord, president of the Pilgrims Society of Plymouth; Howland Davis and John Russell Benedict.

The New York branch of the society will try to bring its membership up to 1,000 for the tercentenary celebration at Plymouth this year.

## Serbian Decoration for J. S. Uman

A special messenger from S. Y. Grouitch, Minister of Serbia to the United States, delivered yesterday to J. Stevens Uman, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, the Order of the White Eagle with gold medal and ribbon, awarded him by Prince Alexander of Serbia.

With the medal was a statement citing Mr. Uman for "valiant service" rendered the Serbo-Croat-Slovene nation during the war. Commissioner Uman is in charge of the Home Service division of the Police Department.

## COUDERT BOLTS HIS PARTY TO AID WOOD

Denouncing Administration's Platitudes, Former Democrat Supports General.

### "FEARLESSNESS NEEDED"

"Mexican Situation and Domestic Problems Require a Man of Action."

Declaring that "the country is profoundly chagrined at the failure of the present Administration to do naught but substitute platitudes for policy, promise for performance," Frederic R. Coudert, for years prominent among the Democrats of the old school, has broken away from his party.

In a letter written to Col. William C. Proctor, president of the Leonard Wood League, expressing the hope that the General will be nominated for the Presidency Mr. Coudert excoriates the Wilson Administration, using such phrases as "pusillanimous neutrality."

The league made the letter public last night in a statement of the work that was being done, in which it was stated that 10,000 members had been secured in a campaign that has been going no longer than ten days.

It is stated that many Democrats are declaring in favor of Gen. Wood, and that several hundred Republicans have pledged themselves to form Wood clubs.

"I am most earnestly hopeful that Gen. Wood may be nominated," wrote Mr. Coudert, "not as you say, 'to insure a Republican victory,' but rather to secure a strong, fearless, capable Executive at a time of national and international difficulties of an extraordinary character. The independent voters of America, who, when aroused, are in number sufficient to hold the balance of power, have become utterly weary of the politicians who seek to use great problems affecting the vital interests of the nation as stepping stones for personal or party advantage. Never have party ties been more lightly held, yet never has national feeling been more earnestly aroused than during the last two years. The nation now feels the need for a leader who will embody this sentiment in acts rather than in words."

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for policy, promise for performance, a course which has led to the paralysis of Government at a time when the nations of Europe look to America for guidance and cooperation in reconstructing a world shattered by war."

"The lamentable situation created in Mexico by such a lack of elementary foresight and firmness such as to render ultimate intervention seemingly inevitable and the inability to deal effectively with domestic problems has created an exceptionally serious situation which must compel the choice of an exceptional man."

"At a time when a pusillanimous neutrality, ordered from Washington, benumbed the public mind Gen. Wood preached the gospel of preparedness, at great risk to his own career, and inaugurated the training system which made it possible for the American Army to have a corps of officers when war came. His life has been spent in creative public activity, away from political machination and phrasemaking. I believe there is no-day no one else who will go longer than ten days."

The Wood League plans to establish branches in every Congress district and in every county if possible. This work is being done through State chairmen,

already named in twenty-four States. No effort is being made to get members in States that have "favorite sons" or in the extreme South.

The headquarters of the league are at the Imperial Hotel, where a large staff is already at work. A campaign committee, of which Col. Proctor is chairman, will have its headquarters in Chicago. Gov. Henry J. Allen of Kansas is vice-chairman of the Leonard Wood League. It is believed that Gov. Allen will go to the convention as the "favorite son" of Kansas, but that Wood will be the second choice of the Sunflower State.

It was explained by a friend of Gen. Wood that his withdrawal of his acceptance to speak at the dinner of the Ohio Society on Tuesday night was not because of any disagreement with George W. Perkins, president of that organization, but because the dinner seemed to partake too much of a political nature.

The General will speak at Cambridge this week under the auspices of the military organization of Harvard University and on the 11th goes to Washington to meet Gen. March and Gen. Pershing in a conference of department heads of the army.

It was announced yesterday that Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler would speak at the meeting of the Essex county Republican committee in Newark on February 27. According to Frank E. Davenport, chairman of the committee, Dr.

Butler will open his campaign at that time.

## WOOD MISSOURI LEAGUE.

Plans to Enroll 100,000 Members to Aid General.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. St. Louis, Jan. 3.—Supporters of Major-Gen. Leonard Wood for the Republican nomination for President to-day announced the formation of a Wood-for-President League in Missouri, with Judge Henry Lamm of Sedalia as State chairman.

It is the purpose, the organizers announced, to enroll at least 100,000 men and women in the State as members, and to actively promote Gen. Wood's candidacy.

Masterlincks to Open Campaign. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Masterlinck will visit the Carry On Tea Room, 387 Fifth avenue, at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. It was announced yesterday, to help in the official opening of the "Blue Bird for Happiness" campaign in behalf of the Queen of the Belgians Fund, the Millerand Fund for French Children, the Big Sisters' Organization and the Milk for Children of America Fund. Miss Ethel Barrymore will head the reception committee.

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## ARTIST SUES LEARY ESTATE.

Asks \$10,000 for Painting of Late Papal Concavess.

Pierre Tarteuse, artist, sued the estate of Countess Anne Leary yesterday for \$10,000. He alleges this sum is due him for painting a portrait of the late Papal Concavess.

Tarteuse says he was commissioned in 1918 by Countess Leary to paint her portrait. He completed and delivered the portrait in March, 1919, but the Countess did not pay him before her death on April 29 last. He presented the bill to her executrix, but she has rejected it.

## Eighty Injured in Train Wreck.

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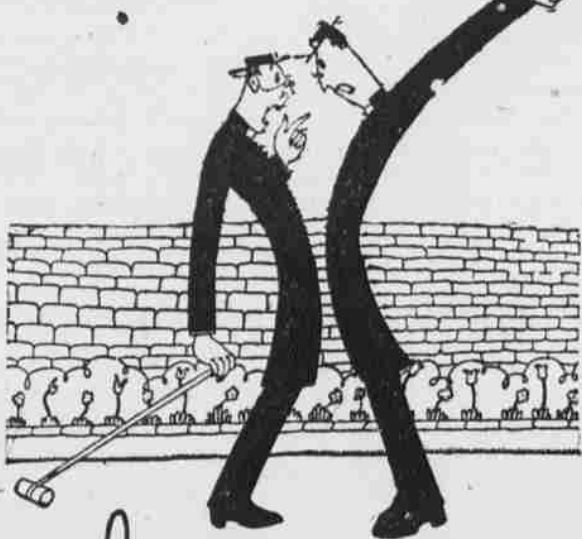
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